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1. EMBOFF MAR 7 DISCUSSED TOPICS CONTAINED REFTEL
WITH JEAN CLIVAZ, SWISS LABOR DELEGATE TO ILO.
CLIVAZ SAID, AS HE HAD TOLD US BEFORE, SWISS
GENERALLY SHARE US VIEWS ON ILO ISSUES. HE PARTICULARLY
AGREED WITH US VIEW ON RECENT IMEC PROPOSAL
FOR RE-APPORTIONMENT OF GOVT REPRESENTATION ON
GOVERNING BODY. CLIVAZ STRESSED HIS OWN DISAPPOINTMENT
IN 1977 CONFERENCE FAILURE TO ACCEPT CACR
REPORT.

2. CLIVAZ SAID THERE IS MOVEMENT TO INTORDUCE SECRET
BALLOT PRINCIPLE IN INTL LABOR CONFERENCE VOTING.
HE STRESSED THAT LABOR DELEGATES FROM LDC'S,
ESPECIALLY AFRICAN COUNTRIES, ARE UNDER CONSIDERABLE
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PRESSURE FROM THEIR GOVT DELEGATES TO FOLLOW GOVT
WHEN VOTING. CLIVAS BELIEVED SECRET BALLOT WOULD
RESULT IN MORE DIVERGENT VIEWS BEING EXPRESSED,
BECAUSE LABOR DELEGATES WOULD BE FREE FROM GOVT
INTIMIDATION. HE NOTED DISAPPOINTMENT OF US DEL
AT 1977 LABOR CONFERENCE WHEN LDC DELEGATES, WHO
PREVIOUSLY INDICATED SUPPORT FOR US VIEW, VOTED

WITH SOVIETS. CLIVAZ EXPECTS STRONG OPPOSITION
TO SECRETE BALLOT FROM SOVIETS BUT HOPED ARGUMENTS
OF INTENSIFYING DEMOCRATIC PROCESS WOULD BE PERSUASIVE
WITH DELEGATES FROM LDC'S.

3. CLIVAZ SAID HE APPRECIATES CONTINUING US INTEREST
IN ILO. HE HOPED FOR EARLY US RETURN BUT HIS
ASSUMPTION IS US WOULD BE OUT OF ILO FOR SEVERAL
YEARS. HE MENTIONED ARTICLES HE WROTE IN SWISS
LABOR CONFEDERATION NEWSLETTER LAST SUMMER SUPPORTING
US VIEWS ON ILO BUT SUGGESTING US STAY IN ANOTHER
YEAR. SAID HE WAS HOPEFUL THERE WOULD BE SOME
IMPROVEMENTS AT 1978 LABOR CONFERENCE.
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